

65th Police Academy Graduation

The 65th Wichita Falls Police Academy Graduation was held on July 12th, 2013 in the Memorial Auditorium.

State Representative James Franks was the guest speaker for the ceremony, and the Oath of Office was administered by Chief Manuel Borrego.

The following are members of the 65th Police Academy graduating class:

Eron Wade Yoshiaki Awakuni
Jacob R. Blashill
Joshua L. Cowart
Jeremiah D. Foster (A1C, SAFB)
Tanner R. Fowler
John E. Gordon
Michael Brandon Jones
Wes Kajs
Leonard J. Nauman
Logan Patrick Riley



Daniel J. Wilson
Jonathan C. Wilson (SrA, SAFB)

Congratulations to the new class, and we wish them great success in their careers as police officers.



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up-to-date on water
guidelines at:
wichitafallstx.gov*

City Events



Ready To Roll

This summer marks the 32nd annual bike event to be held on Saturday, August 24, 2013. The Hotter'n Hell Hundred has evolved into a four-day festival of cycling and sporting events. Last year's events attracted over 13,500 registered participants, and the HHH continues to maintain the status of the largest single-day 100 mile bike race in the nation.

The cycling weekend kicks off Thursday, August 22, with the opening of on-site late registration and the annual Consumer Show. Friday continues with late registration, plus the Consumer Show, and adds the annual Spaghetti Dinner, Off Road Mountain Bike Racing and the USA Cycling Licensed Pro: Category: 1,2 Criterium Races.

The main Endurance Ride starts at 7:05 AM on Saturday, giving riders the option of riding one of five distances, challenging the hot Texas summer and testing their personal endurance. The route choices include: 100

miles, 100 kilometers, 50 miles, 25 miles and 10 kilometers. Saturday will also include the USA Cycling Licensed Road Races and the Finish Line Village food and entertainment venues.

Sunday morning there is an opportunity for runners to join the fun with trail runs of 10k or half marathon distances. Sunday is also the opportunity to join fellow spectators as the USA Cycling licensed racers compete in a full day of Criterium Races that start at 7AM and continue till 4PM.

The Triple Threat Challenge is an HHH option for those who want to test their skills and abilities. Individuals that race the Friday Mountain Bike Race, Ride the Saturday 100-mile Endurance Ride Course, and complete the Sunday Trail Half-Marathon earn a Triple Threat trophy and compete for the best overall Triple Threat titles.

For Your Information



Smartphone users can now communicate with city staff anywhere, anytime using the City's FREE mobile app, Access Wichita Falls. Simply download the app from the Apple App Store or Google/Android Play Store and begin reporting concerns, asking questions or sending compliments to City staff.

"We have received excellent reviews of the new app," said Barry Levy, City of Wichita Falls Public Information Officer. "It was developed because the City wants residents and visitors to be able to access city services and staff, using the latest most convenient technology available, and the app allows them to do that anytime, anywhere." said Levy.

Residents and visitors can immediately provide information about a variety of issues including: pot holes, code violations such as

tall grass, water leaks, loose animals and more.

This app allows users to submit photographs, to illustrate the problem, and the location, which can be manually typed in or auto-assigned by the program.



Since the app was launched on June 21st, there have been over one hundred downloads. One of the app's first users, Amanda Evans, exclaimed, "Love it!" after its initial launch. Get involved in your community to improve this city by downloading this **FREE** app today.

Water Reuse



Area citizens with questions concerning the City's long and short-term water reuse projects can now view an informative video covering a wide range of issues related to these projects. Viewers will learn:

- The reason for a short term project and how long it will take to put into place.
- Plans for the long term water reuse project.

- State requirements for implementing both plans.
- The extensive testing process for reuse water.
- About the members of the City's Water Reuse Advisory Panel, consisting of four doctors with specialties in family medicine, internal medicine/infectious diseases, physical chemistry and geosciences, and their professional opinions regarding reuse water and the ability to make the water safe.

The program will air on Wichita Falls TV (WFTV-11) City Channel 11 on Time Warner Cable: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sundays at: 8AM & 7PM. The program is also available for viewing on You Tube by searching: **City of Wichita Falls TX Water Reuse Project.**

Health Department



Waterborne Bacteria



The Public Works Department and the Wichita Falls/Wichita County Health Department are teaming up this year to caution citizens swimming in lakes and rivers during the summer months about the possible presence of the *Naegleria fowleri* bacteria and how to protect children this summer from a highly preventable waterborne disease.

The bacteria are found in all natural bodies of water, such as rivers, lakes, ponds, tanks and stream. During the warm summer months of June, July and August, the ameba can infect children when forcibly injected into their sinus cavity during recreational activities. Once in the sinus, the ameba can cause the fatal disease Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM).

While contact with the ameba in natural bodies of water is common, infection is rare due primarily to the only route of infection being through the nose.

Two key precautions to take to help protect children include:

1. Never recreate in warm, stagnant waters.
2. Teach children to hold their nose or use nose clips when recreating in any natural water body, especially when the type of recreation can force water into the nose, such as skiing,

jet skiing, jumping or diving.

The low lake levels, due to the drought, coupled with high water temperatures and stagnant or slow-moving water will only serve to increase the risk of contact with the ameba this summer.

If your child starts to experience any of the following symptoms within a couple of days of recreating in a natural body of water, seek medical attention immediately:

Headache

Fever

Stiff neck

Loss of balance

Disorientation

Hallucinations, or Seizures

Nausea and/or Vomiting

The ameba does not live in swimming pools and hot tubs that are properly cleaned, maintained and treated with chlorine and filtration. This disease is rare and using prevention strategies allows for a safe and relaxing summer swim season.

For more information on *Naegleria fowleri* and Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis: visit, the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/parasites/naegleria/general.html or contact, the Wichita Falls/Wichita County Health Department at 761-7805, or the Cypress Water Treatment Plant at 691-1153.

Parks & Recreation



8th Annual Bluegrass Festival

Friday, August 9th

4PM – 9PM

Saturday, August 10th

11AM – 9PM

Texoma Cowboy Church
919 Hwy 281
Wichita Falls, TX

Admission:

\$10.00 – Friday and Saturday
or \$8.00 per day

Featured Bands:

Blocker Stephens Band
White House Harmony
The Saltgrass Band
Southbound Mule
Copper Canyon
Hanks & Company
Triple L Band

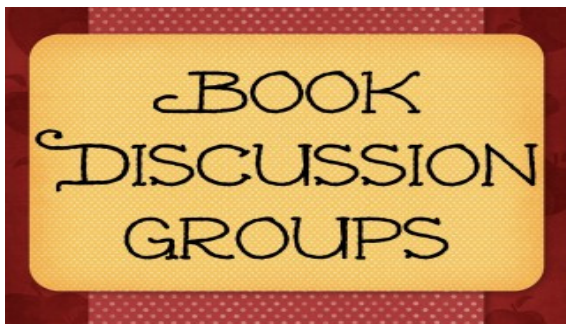
Rooms are available at Best
Western on Maplewood Drive
940-687-2025 for Special
Bluegrass Festival Rates

Indoor event with seating
and air conditioning. Free
drawings throughout the
night. All vendors and
concessions – Friday and
Saturday.

Parks & Recreation
Department:
940-761-7490

*No coolers, alcoholic
beverages allowed.

At the Library



Adult patrons who enjoy reading are
welcome to join book discussion groups.
These meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of
each month from: 6:45PM – 8:00PM
in the Conference Room at the Public Library.

Interesting and lively book conversations
include the following currently scheduled
discussions:

8/6 Call the Midwife: A Memoir
of Birth, Joy and Hard Times by
Jennifer Worth

9/3 Leftovers by Tom Perrotta

10/1 Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter
by Tom Franklin

Book lists available: www.wfpl.net
Contact: Becky 940-767-0868 x233



Bits and Pieces



Burglar-Proof Your Home

What two months do burglaries see an increase? If you answered July and August, that would be correct as these are the two months that thieves are most likely to break into homes. This is when people are most likely to be on vacation which causes the rise. Don't be careless during the other months either – including December when empty electronics boxes by the curb signal new, expensive toys. Hold the packaging in your garage until pickup day.



Leaving lights on for the entire time you are out of town can actually alert burglars that nobody is home. Instead, try timers on different lamps or even one on a TV to make it look as if someone is inside the house. Don't let the mail pile up on the porch, put a hold on the mail

online at www.usps.com or visit your post office. Avoid placing garbage cans out to sit after departing for a trip.

A dead bolt lock is the safest option, but if the lock wasn't changed when you moved in, spare keys may be floating around. Replace the standard one-inch strike plate screws with three-inch screws to serve as a better defense against kicking through a door.

What height should shrubs be to deter intruders? About three to four feet high which is tall enough to make getting close to the house a pain for a burglar and short enough to keep anyone from hiding behind them. Neighbors can also see over these shrubs into your house or yard which also helps prevent intruders. For extra intimidation, plant thorny bushes.

Is an alarm system a good investment? Police say that having a loud alarm (even if it's not connected to the local precinct) is a good idea; it attracts attention – exactly what thieves don't want. Home improvement stores carry many inexpensive options including alarms that sound whenever windows are jostled.



What is an economical, non-toxic cleaner and sanitizer and can be used both inside and outside the house?

White vinegar, of course.

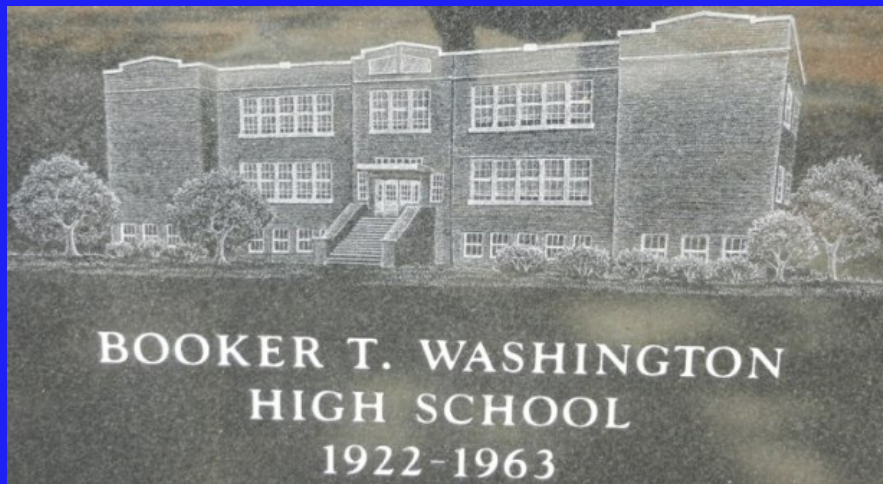
Don't let weeds ruin your walkways; forget pesticides and eliminate them naturally. Just pour white vinegar into a spray bottle and spritz away.

Indoors, wipe drinking glasses with white vinegar to remove hard-water marks; sanitize a dish sponge by soaking in it for five minutes; and pour it in a bowl to absorb kitchen odors.

Bits and Pieces



Alumni Celebrate Reunion



Booker T. Washington was gifted with outstanding and dedicated teachers who helped the school excel in both athletics and academics.

The first lighted high school football stadium in the state of Texas was constructed for the Booker T. Leopards. The Leopards became state football champions in: 1943, 1945, and 1965.

Booker T. Washington alumni recently gathered for their 31st all-school reunion. The school started from humble beginnings in 1895 and was established as a formal high school in 1921.

During the tenure of Mr. A.E. Holland as principal, Booker T. Washington gained accreditation and attained the goal of an “A” school status.

Booker T. Washington school officially closed in 1969, since then, alumni have established a wonderful collection of memorabilia in their room at the Washington Village apartments. Graduates of Booker T. went on to contribute to society in successful careers as: politicians, medical professionals, entrepreneurs and activists still working tirelessly to enrich their community.

August

Linens & Storage

Containers: If it's something a college kid would need, it's going to be on sale this month.

Outdoor Toys &

Camping Equipment: Many stores will be trying to get rid of their summer gear, which means low prices for you—and a last-minute outdoor fun before the fall chill hits.

Kids' Clothing: Another benefit of the back



Deals

to school frenzy is the price of kids' clothing. Get clothes now while prices are low.

School Supplies: Seeing a pattern here? If your office is feeling a little bare, now's a

great time to grab pens, paper, and whatever else you may need at back-to-school prices.

Already stocked up on pens and paper? Don't forget that office supplies can produce some amazing DIY miracles, too.

For Your Information



Although it seems like the summer just began, the upcoming school year is almost here. This year's annual Sales Tax Holiday will be Friday, August 9th - Sunday, August 11th. Senate Bill

485 exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes.

Tax-Free Clothing:

Baby clothes	Diapers
Undergarments	Swimsuits
Jeans	Pants
Skirts	Slacks
Sneakers	Sandals
Socks	Shirts
Jackets	Jogging Suits

In 2009 the Texas Legislator passed HB 1801 expanding the qualifying list of tax-free items to school supplies priced under \$100. These items are intended for students of elementary or secondary schools.

Tax-Free School Supplies:

Backpacks	Folders
Pens, pencils, crayons	
Calculators	Glue

Taxable products include more of the specialized and less necessary items.

Taxed Items:

Jewelry	Hair accessories
Handbags	Cleats
Sport-specific clothing and equipment	
Fishing boots	Ballet Slippers
Brief cases	Luggage
Umbrellas	Wallets
Watches	

An official list of exempt and non-exempt items can be found on the state of Texas website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/taxholiday/d/



For Your Information

Connect

The City of Wichita Falls provides many ways to connect with the community. From addressing the city council, to tweets about Farmer's Market deals, these various approaches allow mutual communication between the city and its citizens.

Everyone can browse the website at: www.wichitafallstx.gov/ which contains information related to city government, resident services, community events, and more. Department contacts are located on the website.

Follow the city via Twitter at @CityofWFTX to receive daily updates. The City's Facebook page publishes photos of events such as police and fire department graduations, holiday occasions, and breaking news. Facebook members can comment with questions, concerns or statements.

To communicate with the city in a personal way, call the Public Information Office at 761-7401 or stop by the office of friendly faces in Memorial Auditorium at 1300 7th Street, Suite 109. This office operates the only digital, multi-zone information board in North Texas on City Channel 11. View videos and clips that are featured on this channel on YouTube at: youtube.com/user/wichitafallstxpio.

Notify Me is another service providing residents with timely city information. Citizens may subscribe to various lists online and can receive notifications via text



Today

message or email. Some topics include Fire and Safety Tips, City Map Books, and Council Agendas. Residents can also receive bid postings such as for construction services and public safety equipment.

There are several categories through the Report a Concern program. Contact specific departments for detailed matters through a citizen response module located on the front page of the city's website.

Some lesser topics can be useful, such as reporting pooling water to prevent mosquito infestations. Citizens may notify the Police Department of upcoming trips for neighborhood patrols.

Citizens can play an active role in city government by attending city meetings and sharing opinions. All boards and commissions meetings are open to the public. Schedules and agendas are on the city's website. Citizens can sign up to serve on the boards and commissions by completing an application online. This allows residents to actively participate.

There are opportunities for residents to make a difference by volunteering for the Parks and Recreation Department. Lending time and skills will help keep the city beautiful. Sign up to maintain parks, volunteer for seasonal events, paint fences and more! Opinions matter and our resources provide information community events. The possibilities are endless!

Things To Do

TNA Impact Wrestling Live

August 1, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Kay Yeager Coliseum

Deer Fest

August 3, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM @ Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall

Wichita Falls Art Association at the Farmer's Market: August 3, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Farmer's Market Station

Texas Oklahoma Barrel Racing Association Open Point Race

August 4, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ JS Bridwell Ag Center

Ranger Camp at River Bend Nature Center August 5, 8:30 AM - August 15, 12:00 PM @ Ages K-6th grade. Limited preschool session, ages 4-5 (20 max)

Live at the Lake Concert: Jay Hollis August 8, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Wichita Falls Fine Arts Museum

Just Between Friends Sale

August 9, 9:00 AM - August 11, 5:00 PM @ Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall

Farmer's Market: Mystery Day

August 10, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ Downtown Farmer's Market

Master Gardner Lecture Series: Fire Wise: Protect You and Your Property from Wildfires August 10, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ Farmer's Market

Texas Ranch Roundup

August 16, 9:00 AM - August 17, 10:00 PM @ Multi-Purpose Events Center

Art Camp at River Bend Nature Center

August 19, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM @ Ages K-6th grade;

2013 Hotter'n Hell Hundred

August 22 - August 25

Live at the Lake Concert: Richie Bates

August 22, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Wichita Falls Museum of Fine Arts

Farmer's Market: Salsa Day

August 24, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ Farmer's Market



City Council dates

Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at Memorial Auditorium, 1300 Seventh St. This month's City Council meeting dates are **August 6 and August 20.**

Things To Do



**Come
Join**



The



Fun!

Choctaw Casino Trip

Aug. 8, \$10 per person, limited space, sign up at Zone desk

Dinner & Puppet Show

By Patricia Miles, Aug. 20, 5:30 p.m. in the Zone Ballroom

Birthday Party

Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 217

Lunch & Learn

Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Zone Ballroom

Karoke:

Mondays: 2-5PM; Tuesdays: 2:45-5 p.m.; Thursdays: 1:30-4PM

Prize Bingo:

Tuesdays: 9-10AM Room 216
Fridays: 9-10 AM

Cash Bingo:

Tuesdays: 6PM
Fridays: 2PM

WII Bowling Tournament:

Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m., Room 208B - Prizes